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SUBJECT: BELGIAN COMMUNIST PARTY SCOLDS SOVIETS FOR THEIR

HANDLING OF BUKOSKY

1.THE BELGIAN COMMUNIST PARTY,WHICH TRIES TO KEEP A
FOOT IN ALL CAMPS IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT'S
INTERNAL FEUDING,HAS BEEN DRIVEN BY THE BUKOSKY-
CORVILAN EXCHANGE INTO A PRACTICALLY UNEQUIVOCAL DENUNCIATION OF
SOVIET OPPRESSION OF DISSIDENT CITIZENS.IN ITS
DECEMBER 20 EDITION THE OFFICIAL PARTY NEWSPAPER,
LE DRAPEAU ROUGE,HAD THIS COMMENT ON THE EXPULSION OF
"THE SOVIET PRISONER OF OPINION,VALDIMIR BUKOVSKY."

2."SINCE 1963 HE HAD BEEN ARRESTED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS
FOR HIS OPINIONS AND INTERNED IN DIFFERENT PSYCHIATRIC
CLINICS UNDER 'SPECIAL REGIME.' IN 1972 HE WAS
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SENTENCED TO SEVEN YEARS IN PRISON FOR 'ANTI-SOVIET
PROPAGANDA'AFTER HAVING CAUSED TO BE PUBLISHED IN
FRANCE A TRACT ENTITLED: 'A NEW MENTAL ILLNESS IN THE
USSR - OPPOSITION.'" AFTER RECALLING WESTERN PROTEST MOVEMENTS
ON BUKOVSKY'S BEHALF,DRAPEAU ROUGE REMARKED,
"OF COURSE,NO ONE DEMANDED THE EXPULSION OF BUKOVSKY,

WHO SHOULD HAVE HAD THE RIGHT TO EXPRESS HIS OPINIONS
IN HIS OWN COUNTRY EVEN IF THEY WERE DEBATABLE."

3. THE NEWSPAPER THEN EASED THE STING OF THIS MILD
DENUNCIATION: " AT THE SAME TIME IT IS WELL TO RECALL
THAT BELGIAN COMMUNISTS CANNOT ACCEPT THE CONFUSION
THAT SOME ENTERTAIN BETWEEN FASCISM AND SOCIALISM.
THIS IS TO FORGET A LITTLE TOO FAST THAT A REGIME
LIKE THAT OF PINOCHET WAS BORN, AND CAN ONLY MAINTAIN ITSELF,
IN BLOOD AND THAT ITS ESSENTIAL GOAL IS TO PRESERVE THE MOST
GLARING INJUSTICES IN DEFIANCE OF THE POPULAR WILL.

4. "SOCIALISM, ON THE CONTRARY, CANNOT DEVELOP WITHOUT
DEMOCRACY. ELIMINATION OF CAPITALISM HAS BROUGHT THE
PEOPLES OF THE SOVIET UNION UNPRECEDENTED ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL PROGRESS. BUT ANY ASSAULT UPON
FUNDAMENTAL LIBERTIES CAN ONLY IMPEDE FURTHER PROGRESS
OF A SOCIALIST SOCIETY BECOMING MORE AND MORE COMPLEX. THE
GREAT INFORMATION MEDIA IN THE WEST, WHICH QUICKLY
ABANDONED CORVILAN TO HIS FATE, NATURALLY PREFER TO
PASS OVER THIS ASPECT OF THE AFFAIR IN SILENCE. IT
IS TRUE THAT THE MANNER IN WHICH LUIS CORVILIAN AND
VALDIMIR BUKOVSKY WERE 'EXCHANGED' MAKES IT THAT MUCH
EASIER FOR THEM."
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